

**CORRESPONDENCE
IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2005**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents December Award Of Excellence - (See Release)
- *2. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - January 11, 2005 - 4:00 p.m.
- *3. Response Letter from Corrie Kielty to Sandi Namuth - RE: The property at 1536 South 20th Street - (See Letter)

II. DIRECTORS

HEALTH

- *1. Health Department Monthly Report for December, 2004 - (See Report)

PLANNING

- *1. Letter from Douglas O. Emery, Postmaster to Ray Hill - RE: Bill #05-2, Special Building Address for Talent Plus Supplement to Factsheet - (See Letter)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- *1. Response E-Mail from Thomas Shafer to Joyce Coppinger - RE: The 33rd Street Rehabilitation Project - (See E-Mail)

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK

1. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Snow plowed onto sidewalks repeatedly (RFI#122 - 01/11/05)

ANNETTE McROY

1. Request to Don Herz, Finance Director - RE: Wheel Tax Rates (RFI#162-01/11/05)

TERRY WERNER

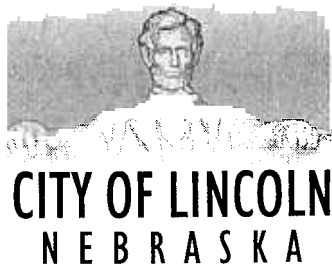
1. Request to Law Department - RE: 45th & "O" Streets (RFI#141-11/30/04). —
**1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DANA ROPER, CITY ATTORNEY
RECEIVED ON RFI#141-01/07/05.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. E-Mail from Kim Schwaninger - RE: Smoking ban nonsense - (See E-Mail)
- *2. E-Mail from Fred Zarate - RE: 48th & "O" Redevelopment plan (Council received copies on 1/10/05 during Council Meeting)(See E-Mail)
- *3. Letter from Larry G. Potratz, Executive Director, Lincoln Housing Authority - RE: Airport West Subarea Plan -(Council received copies on 1/10/05 at Directors' Meeting) (See Letter)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER UNTIL JANUARY 24, 2005.**



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 10, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS DECEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for December to a team from the Public Works and Utilities Department. The members of the team all work in the Ashland Water Production Division. They are Rick Roberts, Assistant Superintendent of Water Production and Treatment; Water Plant Operators James "Lee" Applebee, Keith "Bob" Luedtke, Stanley Roberts, Ronald Sanders, Robert Wischmann, Paul Furman, David Martinez and Jim Boston; and Assistant Water Plant Operator Keith Baue.

The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

The team was nominated in the categories of productivity and loss prevention by John Miriovsky, Superintendent of Water Production and Treatment. Most of the team members have been employed with the City of Lincoln for more than 25 years. The team was nominated for its diligence in reducing the electricity costs at the plant.

From June 1 through September 15, 2004, Omaha Public Power District's electricity rates rose due to an increased demand, primarily from the air conditioning load. Roberts has monitored electricity use since the plant was built in 1994. He was convinced the plant could run more efficiently if the Water Plant Operators ran the most efficient pumps for the amount of water sent to Lincoln. Roberts spent last winter studying, evaluating and devising a plan for the efficient operation of the numerous pumps at the plant. His plan was implemented by the Water Plant Operators in the summer of 2004.

"Due to the diligence of the Water Plant Operators, Rick's plan saved the City \$122,000 during fiscal year 2003-2004 compared to fiscal year 2002-2003, while pumping an almost identical amount of water," wrote Miriovsky in his nomination. "Fiscal year 2002-2003 had been the second most efficient year since the plant was constructed." Miriovsky said the plant efficiency, measured in "dollars per million gallons pumped," dropped from \$42.60 during fiscal year 2002-2003 to \$35.30 in 2003-2004.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, safety and valor. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers.

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Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

Nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a day off with pay and a plaque. If a team has five members or less, each receives a \$100 U.S. savings bond. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.

CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITION REPORT

A COMPLETE VOICE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT 441-7783. THIS NUMBER IS FOR NEWS MEDIA USE ONLY.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center - 441-7644

Diane Gonzolas, 441-7831, cell 525-1520

January 11, 2005

Time: 4 p.m.

Caution is advised on Lincoln streets this evening. The freezing drizzle that began falling about mid-day is creating slick spots around town. The City began some material spreading operations on bridges, overpasses and intersections about 1 this afternoon. The full crew of 19 material spreaders headed out about 2 o'clock to cover main arterials and snow emergency routes. The Public Works Department expects to have crews working throughout the night.

Please stay informed on traffic conditions in Lincoln. For more information, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov or the blue pages of your Alltel phone directory. You also may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644

January 6, 2005

Sandi Namuth
1540 South 20th Street, Apt. 1
Lincoln, NE 68502

Dear Ms. Namuth:

I received your letter dated December 30, 2004 on January 4, 2005 regarding the property at 1536 South 20th Street.

I have been working with the City of Lincoln Building and Safety Department to address your concerns. The owners of this house have all of the permits required for the construction and improvements to the property.

The home is not being run as a half-way house presently. Building and Safety and I have discussed the city and state requirements with the owners if they should choose to have more than three unrelated occupants in the house or attempt to run a half-way house or group home.

When I spoke with the owner, Stuart Campbell, yesterday I informed him that one of the neighbors of his property had several concerns and we discussed them. He asked that I share his office telephone number, 488-9266, with you so that you may contact him.

Mr. Campbell said he would talk with any workers and his tenants about parking in the appropriate parking places. The Lincoln Police Department will not respond to calls about parking on private property as they informed you. You do have the option of contacting a local towing company (these can be found in the Yellow Pages) and having a car towed if it is located on your property. There is no cost to you for doing this.

Mr. Campbell also stated that the only work yet to be completed inside the house is installation of new carpet. Mr. Campbell informed me that the refrigerator has been removed from the alley area. He plans on removing other items located in the garage and a large tire that was left on his property by some unknown persons as the weather improves.

City of Lincoln Building and Safety will continue to work with Mr. Campbell assisting him with meeting all local laws.

Sincerely,

Corrie Kielty
Aide to Mayor Seng

cc: City Council
Stuart Campbell
Mike Merwick, Director, Building and Safety

DEPARTMENT REPORT DECEMBER, 2004

HEALTH DIRECTOR S OFFICE

Much time was spent in preparation for the enforcement of the smoking ban on January 1, 2005. The Department and Police Department held a joint press conference on December 16th regarding the smoking ban enforcement. Staff have also met with business owners regarding outdoor smoking areas, beer gardens, etc. Staff continue to provide educational assistance to workplaces.

At the direction of the Board of Health, the Department has attempted to re-establish negotiations with the Capital Humane Society for a contract for kenneling services for the coming year. The Department s contract expired on November 30, 2004. To date, no meeting has been set to continue discussions of the contract.

Interviews for the Community Health Services Division Manager were completed. Cordelia Okoye, Ph.D., was offered the position and will begin employment on January 18, 2005.

The Health Director attended the following during the month: Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees Meeting, Safe Kids Celebration Luncheon, Public Health Association of Nebraska Board Meeting, Health Care Access Focus Group at Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Meeting with Family Services Director Barry Gourley, Meeting with the City s Washington, DC lobbyist, Carolyn Chaney regarding upcoming legislation, and meetings with the Lancaster County Medical Society and Community Mental Health Center officials regarding General Assistance.

Employee of the Month - Jill Baker - Health Promotion & Outreach Division.

ASSISTANT HEALTH DIRECTOR

The Department s Annual Report was finalized and sent to print on January 3rd. The Report is scheduled for completion from the printer on January 11th and distribution through the Lincoln Journal Star after January 11th. There will be approximately 63,000 copies distributed to Lincoln and Lancaster County households.

The Assistant Director attended the January 4th meeting of the City-County Common to brief elected officials on the human services planning changes for the County. The Human Services Federation will be assuming a major role in the implementation of the Lincoln CSI project.

Plans continue for the April Board of Health Annual meeting, Awards Ceremony and Public Health Conference. Tentative plans are underway to host a day long public health conference highlighting current public health trends and issues.

The Department is gearing up to do MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships). This is a proven community health assessment and community development process that is highly endorsed by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Our MAPP process would look at the health status of the community and incorporate input from all levels of the public including planned input from community stakeholders.

The Assistant Health Director continues to work with Division Managers and staff from Information and Fiscal Management, Dental Health and Nutrition and Health Promotion and Outreach on their strategic plans.

Budget meetings were held with the Information and Fiscal Manager and Division Managers on each individual division budget. Major budget items were highlighted in a 3 page spread sheet and presented to the Health Director.

The Assistant Health Director continues to work with Health Partners staff and Board to implement various projects, including the Neighborhood Service Exchange, Behavioral Health Information Management System, Physical Activity Coalition and the AED Project.

RESOURCE AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Building Expansion

The Clark Enersen Partners (CE) completed the construction bid documents for the building expansion. The request for bids went out to the public on December 10, 2004 with the bid opening scheduled for January 12 at 2:00 p.m.

64 of the 70 wells negotiated with LES to be drilled prior to December 31, 2004 were completed. The well drillers completed their work on December 18 when the water used for the drilling began to freeze. Don Killeen met with LES who indicated LLCHD will still get a rebate under the agreement.

LLCHD and CE met with Parks and Recreation to discuss the arrangements for going back to the neighbors for discussion on the parking lots. JJ Yost indicated Parks will take the responsibility for the discussion with the neighbors.

LLCHD, Don Killeen, and CE met with Rich Meginnis and representatives of LIBA regarding updates on the project at LIBA's request.

CE worked with staff groups to address needs for system furniture and design. All divisions have been reviewed and preliminary designs have been completed by CE. Final changes will be made in January 2005.

CE worked with staff to design the patient/staff notification system. The consensus was to develop two different systems for dental and medical.

ANIMAL CONTROL

In November, Animal Control Officers responded to 1,582 requests for services (requiring 1,826 visits or investigations) which included 30 bites and 2 attack investigations, 84 injured animal rescues, 92 cruelty/neglect investigations, 152 dead animal pickups, 32 home deliveries of at large animals, 25 wildlife removals, and 322 license/rabies vaccination follow ups. As of November 30, Animal Control Officers have responded to 4,972 calls in FY 2005 as compared to 6,262 for the same period in FY 2004 or a decrease of 20.6% due to primarily a reduction in license follow ups. This was due to vacancies in Animal Control Officer positions, which have been filled as of Dec 2.

A total of 349 animals (163 dogs, 178 cats, and 8 other animals) were impounded in November. Year to date, the number of impounded animals is 3.8% higher than the same period last year. The average claim rate of impounded animals at the shelter is 41.3%.

Additionally, 4,438 licenses were sold or issued, 164 lost and found reports were taken, and 3,418 phone calls for service, animal complaints, or information were handled or processed in November. Legal action taken by Officers in November was the issuance of 44 court citations and 165 warning/defect tickets.

On November 26, 2004, Dispatch received a call on 6 newborn puppies that were in the yard at 8400 Peregrine Ct. Animal Control Officer Kurt Dodd picked up the puppies and took them to the Humane Society. Dispatch received calls throughout the morning on the mother dog, possibly a German Shorthair Pointer. Numerous attempts to catch her were unsuccessful. The puppies father s (the male dog) owners called from 1001 N 92 and wanted to claim the puppies as they were the Grandparents . They went to the Humane Society and claimed the puppies. Dispatch explained to them the process of taking care of newborns was going to be a difficult task and were they up for it. They said they were and understood the process. On December 10, 2004, Ms. Howe, the Grandmother , called to say that they had caught the mother dog along with another puppy. She apparently decided that she liked the father s doghouse and proceeded to occupy it with her puppy. The Howe s got her on a leash and brought her to the other 6 puppies. She is now nursing those puppies, with a little help from the Howes. The Howe s are taking her to the vet after the puppies are weaned to get her shots and spayed.

Animal Control received a call on a deer that allowed itself to be petted from Nebraska Games and Parks. Animal Control DeMon Wimes and Field Supervisor Scott Lowry responded to the 56th and Y location. The young button buck was friendly and did allow petting. With assistance of the Officers, Games and Park impounded the deer and removed it from the location. Apparently the young deer had been raised for a period of time by humans and lost all fear of humans. As such it posed a threat to humans and itself when it would become an adult buck. Consequently it was euthanized.

Animal Control Officer DeMon Wimes received a call from a female party who stated her two year old mix breed dog had just died at the Clocktower Veterinary Clinic after being

allegedly poisoned at their residence. She stated the dog started having seizures when they took it to the veterinary clinic. The dog died before the veterinarian could administer medication for the seizure it was having at the clinic. The veterinarian, when contacted, indicated it was not epilepsy and could be possibly from poisoning. The owners were contacted, who provided a plastic bag which had been found in their yard and chewed by the dog. Staff are awaiting a decision by the owners on a necropsy.

On December 5, 2004, Animal Control Officer Melissa Brown responded to a call at the Highlands Veterinary Clinic. A cat had been brought into the clinic that had been pierced by an arrow. The cat was treated and will recover. The owner had let the neutered male outside around 9:30 am when they left for church and when they returned the cat was let in at 1:30 pm to the porch. At that time, the cat was found to have an arrow imbedded near the neck. Officers Kurt Dodd, Melissa Brown, and Trent Smith made contacts with neighbors and those who were indicated to be bow hunters. No evidence or witnesses were found to indicate who the individual may have been to inflict this cruelty on the cat.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

ACCESS MEDICAID

Population Focused Projects and Activities:

The call abandonment rate this month was 12%, which is a decrease of 7% as compared to last month this is a good rate. The call volume was 1,516, which is a decrease of 136 calls.

The number of program eligibles as of October 1, 2004, was 17,863, which is a decrease of 67 clients.

Twenty clients accessed Nebraska Health Connection/Kids Connection services in the office, which is a decrease of 13 clients as compared to October 2004.

The Client Resource Specialist (CRS) completed 57 home visits in an effort to reach 76 clients. He was successful in interacting with 36 clients for the month of November.

Community Linkages:

Access Medicaid provided outreach at several locations throughout the month of November. Community activities gave the CRS the opportunity to provide formal presentations or informal opportunities for staff and/or clients to receive managed care education or ask questions. Access Medicaid attended the Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. Public Health Nurses attended to distribute thermometers to those that needed them and gave education on how to take a temperature, etc. This activity gave Access Medicaid the opportunity to interact with over 2,000 clients.

Peoples Health Center was visited several times throughout the month by the CRS in an attempt to establish a permanent outstation for the program. Outreach will continue by

the CRS and then will be turned over to the Public Health Nurses, who will rotate outreach.

The following outreach events had funding designated in November:
Lincoln Action Program - 2004 Holiday Gift Giving - \$5,000

New Opportunities:

Remarks were submitted to the State regarding the CMS Report.

Several staff met with Peoples Health Center management and front-line staff.

The Program Manager attended a conference on Medicaid that was sponsored by Appleseed.

Data Collection/Outcomes:

17,863 total clients were eligible for Medicaid Managed Care with 17,004 active with a PCP and health plan; this represents a decrease of 91 clients as compared to October who were active with a PCP and health plan.

751 new clients were eligible for Medicaid Managed Care in Lancaster County; a decrease of 6% as compared with October.

573 clients voluntarily enrolled with a doctor (PCP) and health plan via face to face or telephone contact, representing a decrease of 109 clients.

89 clients were auto assigned reflecting an 11% auto assignment rate. There were 1,516 incoming calls in November reflecting a 9% decrease in call volume. Staff answered 1,329 calls.

Program Highlight:

Several staff are involved on working on an analysis of auto assignment. This information will be examined to see what we can improve on.

Program Summary:

Systems Specialist II position (.5) remains open. The idea of sharing an employee with Information Systems at the main Health Department in being explored.

PHN I position (full-time) was re-opened. Interviews were conducted and one applicant was offered and accepted the position. Her start date is in December.

HOME AND COMMUNITY

Population Focused Projects and Activities & Community Linkages:

Staff began attending the CRIB, Community Resources for Infants and Babies, in November. The MCH Report on Home and Communities Outcomes for 2003-2004 was offered to the group as evidence that home visitation has a positive affect on this population. Plans were made to conduct a meeting with interested providers to gauge support for strengthening home visitation programs.

New Opportunities:

CHS Staff Development in November was the final session on Strategic Planning with all staff attending. Voting took place on the priorities as the staff identified them. New groups were formed around the top nine priorities. The December Staff Development will be a review of the year.

Program Highlight:

End of the Fiscal Year data in HCB has been analyzed for inclusion as an End of Year Report on the activity of the section. The report is nearly complete.

Program Summary:

Home and Community Based Services will be partnering with LAP, VISTA, Faces of the Middle East and an interpreter to offer an educational support group for Middle Eastern women and their children. This group will meet monthly, with Corrine Roach coordinating this project. The group plans to begin in January and promotion of this opportunity will be primarily to women served by these agencies and as word of mouth. Health educational information for prenatal and infant growth and development classes will be provided by LLCHD as well as guest speakers from other community resources.

The DOUGLAS Plan is a new project of Home and Community Based Services on preconceptual health. Partnering with the Community Health Endowment, a graphic artist and a local printing firm on The Douglas Plan brochure has resulted in a very professional looking educational pamphlet. The graphic artist partnered with LLCHD by donating his time in developing the brochure. He has also received price quotes from one printing company and is awaiting a response from another, asking them to also partner on this project by negotiating the price. These brochures will be strategically placed and handed out and information classes are being offered in our community.

Home and Community Based Services will be meeting with the two grad students working on the assessment tool for Census Tract 4. They have a draft copy to share with us which we plan to utilize after completion next year.

Three Home and Community Based staff attended a summit sponsored by the March of Dimes in Omaha on November 16. The intended audience included professionals who are working with clients who are not pregnant and are of childbearing age. The summit was helpful to us in deciding on intended audiences in Lincoln and alerted the attendees to the significance of improving health status preconceptually.

Home and Community Based Services continues to offer classes twice each month to provide health education classes for Hispanic women in Spanish. The mothers attending in November were given information on Food Safety. The class was lead by Zainab from the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension. The class focus was on Food Safety as a means of improving Environmental Quality and decreasing illness from improperly cooked foods. The mothers were attentive and interactive. The Thanksgiving meal was provided mainly by Public Health Nurses who work or did work with the clients. The meal provided the opportunity for the women to converse and meet new mothers in similar situations. Seventeen mothers were in attendance as well as approximately twenty children.

In November 2004, Public Health Nurses (PHNs) had a total caseload of 455 families. Of these, 42 families were followed by student nurses and 71 families needed interpretation in order to receive PHN services. There were a total of 153 referrals received, of which 121 were new. Forty-five new records were opened to service and another 48 families were assessed by nurses for possible entry into home visitation. Beginning this Fiscal Year, nurses have seen 759 unduplicated families. Last year at this time, 732 unduplicated families had been seen.

PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC

Population Focused Projects and Activities:

3,637 individuals were served in the Public Health Clinic this month.

160 individuals were served in the PCC.

9 women were served in the Every Woman Matters clinic.

3 individuals with diabetes were given glucose machines and 2 were educated on their use.

833 individuals called related to Medicaid Access Coordination.

107 families were assisted in establishing a medical home.

104 pregnant women were served.

828 rides were approved for transportation.

68 individuals had 109 prescriptions filled through the Grapevine Project

Five volunteer physicians provided 48 hours of service to clients seen through the Primary Care Clinic.

Total numbers of calls to Information and Referral Services:

Description	Count	%
Transportation	515	17.94 %
CDC/Nuisance Disease	25	0.87 %
Child Health Clinic	22	0.77 %
Every Woman Matters	17	0.59 %
General Assistance	50	1.74 %
General Information	53	1.85 %
Grapevine	32	1.11 %
HIV	48	1.67 %
Immunizations	962	33.51 %
Information Call	257	8.95 %
Internal Referral	92	3.20 %
Medicaid	168	5.85 %
Patient Assistant Program	21	0.73 %
Primary Care Clinic	369	12.85 %
Primary Care Mission Clinic	22	0.77 %
Repeat Caller	5	0.17 %
Referral to Other Agency	50	1.74 %
Referral to Peoples Health Center	10	0.35 %
Referral to Urban Indian Center	1	0.03 %
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	130	4.53 %
Transfer Call	14	0.49 %
Using Interpreter	8	0.28 %
Totals For Report	2,871	100.00%

Calls to the Information and Referral line regarding the flu vaccine continue to be high. Generally, approximately 20% of the calls are for immunization/flu. This month 33% of the calls were requesting immunization/flu information.

Community Linkages:

PHN interacted with expectant mothers via the tracking and assessment component of the Maternal Child Health program. Sixty-six contacts were made this month.

PHN continues to develop policy/procedures for General Assistance Program.

PHN continues to meet regularly with staff to work on program accountability.

PHN participated in meetings with PCC staff to implement the form changes.

PHN participated in the Tobacco Free Lincoln Coalition meeting.

PHN is involved in a CATCH planning grant that is looking into the resources for home visitation in Lancaster County and the gaps in this service. This month multiple agencies met to develop a community wide plan in regards to the need for increased home visitation and how to fund this endeavor.

PHN processed prescription refill requests for 69 clients and patient assistance for prescriptions for 63 clients.

PHN participated in a day long workshop with the Needs Assessment Committee hosted by Nebraska Health and Human Services to establish criteria for selecting priorities for the Maternal and Child Health Title V top ten priorities.

PHN provided dental follow up to 26 clients.

Staff met with GA caseworkers and Lancaster County Medical Society regarding the GA program.

PHN participated in the Neighborhood Service Exchange Project which is a project that has been developed and offered to two neighborhoods in Lincoln. It is a service exchange program that links neighbor-to-neighbor for volunteer help with occasional tasks and errands.

PHN participated in a State MCH meeting.

PHN provided health assessments to 72 youth at the Juvenile Detention Center this month.

New Opportunities:

Two UNMC nursing students worked on projects this semester under the guidance of a Public Health Nurse. One student made a presentation to the residents on Love Languages aimed at helping the young residents understand that the way they perceive love and the way others perceive love are often different and that one must take this into account when trying to develop good relationships. The second student convened a stress management group. She worked with a difficult group of young women at the facility. The student was successful with dealing with and diffusing their negative attitudes.

The new CHS Program Accountability staff have been working with Public Health Clinic staff to assist in developing and implementing tools that would allow us to collect, analyze and evaluate data.

DENTAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Direct dental care was provided for 430 patients for 452 client visits during the month of November 2004.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

Screening/Treatment/Referral Services

Screened 23 clients: 9 clients were screened through LLCHD; 14 clients were screened through the Mobile Health Clinic; 4 clients were referred to Dental College for grant funded services; and 19 clients were referred to the LLCHD Dental Clinic for emergency and treatment services.

Screened 180 students at Randolph Elementary School.

Screened 95 children at Norwood Park Elementary School.

Screened 150 children at Fredstrom Elementary School.

Screened 176 children at Clinton Elementary School.

Screened 174 children at Elliott Elementary School.

Screened 40 children at Eastridge Elementary School.

Screened 130 children at Cavett Elementary School.

Screened 387 children at Belmont Elementary School.

Screened 253 children at Everett Elementary School.

Mobile Health Clinic Site visits/services

Total Mobile Health Clinic (MHC) contacts for November 2004 - 97 clients/ 9 site visits

Dental Services

Total Mobile Health Clinic (MHC) Contacts for November - 14 clients/3 site visits.

Screened 4 clients at the Lincoln Action Program using MHC (1 site visit).

Screened 10 clients at Matt Talbot Kitchen using MHC (2 site visits).

Nursing Services

Total Mobile Health Clinic Contacts for November at the Gathering Place - 15 clients/1 site visit (5 African Americans, 9 Caucasian, 1 Asian/7 men, 8 women). Four clients had abnormal screening results; 12 received flu shots. Five clients were referred for services and/or follow-up: 1 to Primary Care Provider, 1 to Mobile Health Clinic for re-check, 2 to LLCHD Primary Care Clinic, and 1 to Veterans Administration.

Speciality clinics

Super Saver (48th & St.) for Diabetic Risk Assessments - 12 clients (10 clients had abnormal screening results or elevated risk factors).

Bag N Save for Adult Health Screenings - 13 clients (13 clients with abnormal screening results or elevated risk factors).

ALPS store (27th & Y) for Adult Health Screenings - 5 clients (5 clients with abnormal screening results or elevated risk factors).

Super Saver (27th & Cornhusker) for Diabetes Risk Assessments - 3 clients (3 clients with abnormal screening results or elevated risk factors).

Union Bank for skin cancer screening - 35 clients (17 clients referred).

ORAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS

Total audience reached: 89

Oral health education and information dissemination at Square D Health Fair for 50 participants.

Oral Health Education during MHC site visits for Chronic Disease Prevention Clinics: 39 clients/ 4 site visits; Super Saver (27th & Cornhusker) for Diabetic Risk Assessment - 14 clients; Adult Health at Bag N Save - 11 clients; Adult Health at ALPS - 9 clients; and Super Saver (48th & O) for Diabetic Risk Assessment - 5 clients.

WIC PROGRAM SERVICES

Total client participation (vouchered) - 3081

MISCELLANEOUS

Two dental assisting students from Southeast Community College rotated through the Dental Clinic.

Three dental hygiene students from the UNMC College of Dentistry rotated through the LLCHD Dental Clinic.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

A special permit application was reviewed for a proposed childcare facility located in industrial zoning for on-site childcare for employees. LLCHD recommended several conditions to protect the children from on-site and off-site possible hazardous materials exposure. These included developing an evacuation plan, separate HVAC system, and

clearly labeling the circuit breaker for the HVAC system or installing a single switch to shut down the HVAC system in the event of an emergency.

A preliminary plat application proposing a new county residential development was reviewed. Review of the area for the proposed development revealed that an underground petroleum pipeline transects this proposed development. LLCHD stated the following: According to the LLCHD's Geographic Information System (GIS) data, an underground petroleum pipeline is very close to this proposed development. The current site plan does not depict this underground pipeline or its easement. Before further comment on this issue, the LLCHD requests a revised site plan depicting the exact location of this underground pipeline.

Technical assistance was provided on indoor air quality to 280 individuals via phone and 27 information packets were mailed.

Staff conducted noise monitoring at and near the proposed site of a motocross track located near 1st and South Streets. The results of the noise testing were presented to the Planning Commission.

Quarterly testing of LFD breathing air compressors located at 3 stations and Southeast Community College fire training center was completed.

Staff conducted 16 field investigations on indoor air quality complaints and occupational testing.

A one hour indoor air quality seminar was given to Realtors at the Lincoln office of the Realtors Association. The primary subject was mold, but home inspections, lead, radon, HVAC systems, CO, and abandoned household hazardous waste were also discussed.

A Complaint and Order was issued to Quebecor Printing for construction and operating permit violations involving the use of an alternate thermal oxidizer for control of emissions from one printing.

A Complaint and Order was issued to LES for excess NOx emissions associated with the Rokeby 1 combustion turbine.

Staff issued the Modified Construction Permit for the Lincoln Electric System Salt Valley Generating Station. A billing statement for \$2325.00 was sent to LES for the permit review.

718 hours of Carbon Monoxide (CO) sampling were conducted. 15 PM2.5 samples were taken. All were within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The aethalometer is back at the BNSF wastewater plant for diesel particulate monitoring.

Thirteen applications and/or renewals were received for the city permit, 135 police reports were reviewed, and 35 special requests for health related printed material were filled.

The following number of hits were received on the Children's Environmental Health website: Case Study #1 - Mercury - 110; Case Study #2 - Lead - 30; Case Study #3 - Nitrate/Nitrite Poisoning - 45; Case Study #4 - Methamphetamine - 51; and the interactive Child Care Search for providers was utilized by 1,115 individuals.

Twenty-five child care providers attended the Make Germs Walk the Plank: Illness Prevention training .

Fifteen child care centers in Lancaster County are actively involved in the Child Care Health Consultation program. Seven child care centers were visited during November. Highlights from the visits included Highlands Academy successfully completing their goal to improve hand washing in the toddler room.

Plan reviews for six new child care facilities were reviewed. Staff met with several new child cares on opening dates and requirements. One new child care center was proposed next to an I-3 industrial zone. Staff met with the developers and owners consulting on the development of emergency plans for the proposed facility.

Fourteen Child Care Centers and 50 Small Family Child Care inspections were completed.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Responses this month included an indoor air quality problem at Russ's supermarket (volatile organic chemical release from a floor sealant), biohazardous waste from a shooting, a 5 gallon bucket abandoned in the median, a suspicious article, paint and related materials dumped behind a strip mall, and 6 meth labs.

Staff are providing oversight and technical assistance to LPD in the development and implementation of the new clandestine laboratory waste and evidence management program that LLCHD developed in conjunction with the State Patrol and DEA. So far 6 labs have been handled via this new program and only minor problems have been noted. Staff was subpoenaed and appeared in Federal Court on the North 40th Street Grendahl Lab to provide data on clean-up costs. Restitution was ordered for LLCHD clean-up costs (about \$5,500).

FOOD PROGRAM

The Food Safety Program Supervisor worked with other Health Department personnel on the preparation and response on implementation of the Lincoln Smoking Regulation Act. A public meeting was organized by Urban Development on sidewalk cafes and beer gardens.

The Food Advisory Committee met on November 17. The topics for discussion were the analysis of the baseline survey information, and the implementation and enforcement of the Lincoln Smoking Regulation Act.

Twenty-eight complaints on food establishments were received, with 7 reports of possible food borne illnesses.

A Food Enforcement Notice (FEN) was issued to Hi-Way Diner, 2105 Highway 2, for out of temperature meats. The food was destroyed and many improvements were made on the return followup inspection.

Staff responded to a vapor situation in a retail store. A contractor had applied a concrete sealer indoors which released VOCs (volatile organic compounds) into the facility. The facility was closed for approximately twelve hours until no levels were detected. LLCHD was unable to find any information to determine if VOCs in the atmosphere present a potential contamination source for foods.

There were 795 food handlers trained in good hygiene and sanitary practice.

Plans are underway to add a second food handlers class in Spanish each month. Attendance at these classes has grown to over 40 attendees at some of the classes. This is too many students in one class, as many of the individuals attending need extra attention. It is hoped a second class will be scheduled each month at the Lincoln Hispanic Center beginning in March of 2005.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Staff met with the Free To Grow Organization and discussed the new neighborhood target area identified for improving the quality of life.

The last Household Hazardous Waste Collection of 2004 was held at State Fair Park. There were 218 participants that brought in 10,643 lbs. The last Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Event had 29 businesses participating and disposing of 8,894 lbs of hazardous waste.

Staff assisted Cedar Hollow foods with disposal of glacial acetic acid, provided letter on satisfactory compliance on clean up agreement with Four Seasons, assisted Capital Construction on recycling/disposal of welding slag, created a table for Ammonia in Homes (cat-house and meth lab issues) that responders can use to determine acceptability for occupancy, attended a State Legislative hearing before the Natural Resources Committee on LR-292 renewable energy, LR -296 Study of Electronic Waste, and LR - 295 Study of Financial Assurances and standards regarding clean-up, and assisted the State Laboratory in management of PCB waste.

Updated the County Commissioners on illegal dumping statistics for the past year. The total number of illegal dumpings dropped over 30% from 397 reported in 2003 to 254 in 2004.

Presented information to Northeast High School regarding litter prevention on their high school campus. Handed out copies of the Clean Campus booklet.

There were 100 solid waste nuisance complaints received for the month of November, 2004 . The four year average is 63 complaints.

WATER QUALITY

Staff gave a presentation at the National Onsite Wastewater Recyclers Association Annual Conference on Standardization of the Soil Percolation Test procedure for evaluating soil for suitability for onsite wastewater treatment systems.

Staff attended a meeting with the Nebraska Rural Water Association to coordinate state wide efforts with the Test*Your*Well and the Contaminant Source Inventory programs.

Staff reviewed a sub-division request in which the person requesting the division wanted to utilize a well existing on one property to provide water to adjacent property. Staff worked with the requester and their legal representative to establish a legal binding easement.

Staff are utilizing LLCHD s authority to request hydrology reports for subdivision review purposes. The reports are used to determine if adequate quantity and quality of water is available in an area proposed for development.

Staff attended the National Groundwater Foundations Water Conference in Washington DC. Lancaster County was designated a groundwater guardian community for the 10th year in a row.

HEALTH DATA AND EVALUATION

The Division Manager met with the several committees of the Community Diabetes Project, including the Funding Subcommittee, to begin implementation and evaluation activities. In addition to the Department s funds, a \$500 grant was received from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The Diabetes Prevention Subcommittee has begun to outline the marketing approach including PSAs, a website and resources for the various audiences (i.e., the public and those at risk, persons recently diagnosed with diabetes and diabetes professionals).

The Division Manager met with the facilitator of the Community Diabetes Project and QI Coordinator to discuss another activity, the possibility of supplying diabetes supplies and medication for those persons with diabetes who meet required income guidelines. The QI Coordinator prepared a logic model of this for presentation to the Diabetes Treatment and Management group and logic models will be developed for all activities of the

subcommittees. This will assist with ongoing evaluation of progress towards the various objectives for the groups.

Worked with Department and NHHS staff to review the status of local flu vaccination needs and supplies within the community and to assess whether to expand the classification of those eligible for getting the vaccine during this flu season.

Began reviewing NACCHO's MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships) process, which is a community-wide strategic planning effort to improve community health, in order to assist the Assistant Health Director with this process with an expected completion date of September 2005.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SECTION

The Department continues to act as a conduit to help providers with surplus Flu vaccine get in contact with those providers needing vaccine.

The Communicable Disease Program is currently doing several active flu surveillance programs within the community. These include weekly laboratory, hospital, health-provider and school influenza surveillance. This should provide us with early identification when flu activity begins to appear in our community.

The Program Supervisor attended the State BT Leadership Advisory Committee meeting.

Staff continue to follow-up on pertussis cases and contacts. Three additional cases were identified this month. Outbreaks are occurring in other areas of the country, as well as in areas of the State.

Staff assisted with flu immunization clinics.

GRANTS/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Immunization Action Program (IAP)

The program is exploring ways to update the Department's immunization recall system. The system has been on hold during work on the computerized client record system.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Program (PHBP)

Two cases were opened in November; the current caseload is 22.

The program continues to provide information to local providers and the public on the prevention of perinatal Hepatitis B virus transmission.

TB Program

Staff continue to make daily DOT (directly observed treatment) visits to 8 clients, and another client is visited three times a week for DOT. The program uses temporary employees for weekend DOT visits.

An investigation was initiated on a possible case of TB this month. Follow-up with the provider, patient, and the State is currently under way. Lab confirmation is pending.

A total of 11 consultations on TB were provided in November to staff, local health care providers and the public.

MMRS (Metropolitan Medical Response System)

MMRS continues to provide Decontamination / Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training for hospitals. In the last month, training increased to include a massive training in David City. This was the first time for the expanded training course, which included 6 hours of Awareness training from the State Fire Marshall and the 4 hour decontamination course. All attendees received 10 hours of training in total, which fully complies with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and JCAHO (Joint Commission of Accreditation on Healthcare Organizations) standards. A similar training was held in Crete. The total trained at that location was almost 90.

The MMRS Decontamination / PPE training is being adapted by the State HRSA BT / Hospital Preparedness for a train-the-trainer program to be used throughout the State.

The BT Coordinator has been asked to sit on a small group of Emergency Response Coordinators from throughout the State to design a single template for health department ID Badges that will add access permissions for disasters to current IDs. There are 4 people in this group. LLCHD has been given the lead.

EPIDEMIOLOGY/GIS

Designed a Startup HTML web page for the Community Diabetes Project.

Staff worked on the Mid-Decade Health Indicators Report to update the progress towards the Healthy People 2010 objectives.

Assisted HPO staff in upgrading the Smoking Complaints Database in order to record and monitor complaints.

Staff are developing an Access database for child care facilities.

Acquired 2000 CODES (Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System) data from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and are in the process of analyzing and comparing the results to those from 1996-1999.

Staff answered numerous data requests on census, injury surveillance, WNV, BRFSS, and YRBS.

Developed an Access database for Neighborhood Healthcare Survey .

Requested changes for the Access database WorkWell Sites/Companies were completed.

Staff worked on the web site design for the LLCHD/Community Diabetes Project.

Database changes for Child Care Centers Health & Safety Assessment for Children s Environmental Health are being worked on.

Staff continue to work on the 2001-2003 data for the CODES Project and the Online Query Tool for easy access to the data.

Worked with EPH staff to prepare GIS maps for the December BOH presentation on land-use planning and health.

Prepared the maps needed by Animal Control to show their 2004 activities across and throughout the community.

Continued to meet with various City agencies to get access to GIS data files needed for the Department.

QI/EVALUATION

Completed the Fall Review 2004 with the Quality Improvement Council.

The approval process for revising the Quality Improvement Council Charter with revisions will be effective January 1, 2005.

Appointing Council members and their designated Alternates for 2005 is nearly complete.

Quality Improvement Council Chair changes from Andrea Mason (Internal) to Luis Gutierrez (External, Safety Director for Pfizer, Inc) as of January 1, 2005.

Continues to be involved with the Community Diabetes Project, including all 3 of the subcommittees: Prevention, Screening & Referral, and Treatment & Management.

Attended the American Society for Quality meeting in November.

Serves as a consultant with Jane Linsenmeyer in the production of the Translation/Interpretation video.

Continues to work with Services Coordination on translating respite materials into Spanish.

Coordinator has projects in various stages of development and implementation with Communicable Disease Surveillance, Home and Community-based Nursing, Services Coordination, the Public Health Clinic, and the Diversity Committee.

HEALTH PROMOTION AND OUTREACH

ADOLESCENT AND FAMILY HEALTH

Staff continues to coordinate the smoking cessation project. The Health Department is collaborating with Saint Elizabeth and BryanLGH to provide the community free cessation programs through May of 2005. There were 16 people who participated in the free classes in November. Staff provided information to a reporter of the LJS to produce a story about smoking cessation opportunities the Health Department is working to provide the community in the next few months.

Staff organized Smoking Cessation Support Group Leader Training for business employers. There were 13 people, representing 8 WorkWell businesses, who attended. These trained facilitators will now be able to provide support groups for interested employees wanting help with quitting smoking.

Staff are working with the tobacco team to continue working on the transition of implementing the Lincoln Smoking Regulation Act.

Staff continue to participate in the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement process for Lancaster County. The Health Department is providing technical assistance with the Saving Lives program and Alcohol Counter-Advertising Campaign implementation.

Staff met with staff members from F-Street Recreation Center to determine implementation of 40 Developmental Assets within activities at the center. The first workshop was held this month with 7 middle school youth attending. The Center will be recognizing different assets each month and challenging the youth to build their own assets.

Staff facilitated the monthly meeting of the Lincoln Fatherhood Coalition. The group finalized last minute plans for the event this month. Dads Matter Fun Day was held December 11, from 10:00 am to noon at the Children s Museum. All dads with their kids were admitted free during this time. Resource tables for fathers were set up around the museum sponsored by coalition members. Nearly 130 dads with 215 kids attended the event.

Staff participated in the monthly meeting of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition. The group discussed plans for community education in the month of May during National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month and to pursue conducting a fiscal impact study of teen pregnancy in Lancaster County.

CHRONIC DISEASE & EVERY WOMAN MATTERS

During November, 15 enrollment forms were distributed, 15 re-screening cards were issued, 3 contacts were made to women enrolled in the program who needed screening, 90 contacts were made to women who needed re-screening, and 2 contacts were made to women who needed mammograms.

Recall Management Report from DHSS

In November, the Recall Management Report for August was received from DHSS and indicated that 3 women had enrolled but not screened, 87 women needed re-screening and 2 need mammograms. 10 of these women were Spanish speaking and 5 were Vietnamese speaking.

Lifestyle Intervention Activities

54 women were successfully contacted during November. 40 women are currently participating in the program. 11 women are committed to attend ABC classes, 2 are involved in completing classes and 27 are involved in self-study.

Community Outreach Activities

A presentation on "A Healthier Way to a New You" was given to 17 people at a LAP Basic Skills Class. A presentation on the EWM program was given to 22 women in a Women's Group at the Hispanic Center. Staff participated in the Targeting In On Cancer, Talk to a Doctor About Cancer event at the Malone Community Center. EWM information was also provided to potential clients at the Food Net at the Indian Center.

Staff met with Ann Luong at the Indian Center and attended the Latino (diversity) Program at First Project, establishing contacts with various resources in the community. This resulted in program outreach to the "Clinic With a Heart" at LAP, which requested continued staff involvement. Outreach to the Matt Talbot Kitchen resulted in an agreement with the dietitian at that site to be included as a resource for EWM clients needing nutrition counseling. English, Spanish and Vietnamese program information was replaced in brochure holders located at targeted sites in the community, indicating this is an effective way to promote the program.

Rural outreach included a press release about the EWM program that was published in The Voice News and also program information that will be included with the City of Hickman December water bill. Brochure holders with EWM information were placed at the Banner House Fabrics & Gift Shop in Panama and The Hair Exchange in Bennet.

Follow up with Lincoln City Libraries indicated that the Bess Dodson Walt Branch Library had a book display on breast cancer during October and all seven branch libraries had displayed EWM brochures including table tents and posters.

Healthy Lifestyle Support Project

Dr. Wes Sime and Patty Nun, MA talked about stress and ways to deal with it at the fourth monthly meeting of this project. Biofeedback equipment was used to demonstrate

ways to relax and focus on breathing, to reduce heart rate and lower blood pressure. 14 women attended this session.

Coalition for Older Adult Health Promotion (COAHP)

72 participants attended a COAHP sponsored workshop on Framing the Issue of Elder Abuse . The keynote speaker was Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, a nationally known sociologist and mental health clinician. An afternoon session included a panel of local experts who gave their perspective on elder abuse.

Mobile Health Clinic

30 of the 33 persons screened at 4 health clinics had at least one health risk identified. Diabetic screening clinics were held at Super Saver on 48 & 0 (10 of 12 clients has risk factors; 2 of the 3 diabetics screened at this site had elevated blood sugars) and at Super Saver on 48 & Cornhusker (all three clients had health risk factors). Adult Health screening clinics were held at Bag N Save (12 of 13 clients had health risk factors) and ALPS (all five clients had health risk factors).

Community Diabetes Project

The Screening & Referral Sub-Committee continues to work on an educational manual that can be used at work sites, churches and other community based sites. Physical activity and nutritional content is being reviewed for content and best practices by persons working in those areas.

Lincoln Lancaster County Crusade Against Colorectal Cancer

The November Crusade meeting focused on subcommittee updates. A promotional program will again be developed with Snitily Carr. It was suggested that movie trailers and bus placards be added this year. Carryover funds as well as budgeted dollars need to be allocated as this is the final grant year. An additional suggestion was the use of Polypman at bus stops. Table top and free standing display boards will be purchased to promote community education on CRC. Work sites will again be targeted as this was successful during the past year. Walgreens and the GrapeVine Pharmacies will again participate in the free distribution of FOBT kits to persons over age 50. Planning for program continuation next year includes broadening the scope from colorectal cancer to a more comprehensive cancer effort for Lancaster County.

Targeting In On Cancer Project

The Ask A Doctor health awareness event was held at Malone Center, Inc. on November 9. Approximately 30 people attended and were given 35 Tobacco Quit Kits for persons who smoke or had household members who smoked. As an incentive, five grocery store gift certificates were given to persons who committed to quit smoking.

Cancer information was provided by the American Cancer Society, Every Woman Matters, Cancer Resource Center, National Cancer Institute and the LLCHD Tobacco Program. Dr. Derrick Anderson and Casey Bock, a PA from Urology Clinic PC, provided information and answered questions on an informal basis. Although attendance was less than expected, participant response was positive. A poster display and pamphlets will remain up at Malone for the next month.

Women Tobacco and Cancer

Forty persons who received Quit Kits during November signed up for the incentive program. This included 14 persons through the Presumptive Eligibility Clinic, 6 persons through the Mobile Health Clinic, one person through the Healthy Lifestyle Support Project, 18 persons through the Targeting In On Cancer Program. Client response to the Quit Kits has been very positive. A postcard evaluation tool was developed and will be sent to persons who signed up for incentives, one month after they received a Quit Kit.

Skin Cancer

A skin cancer screening clinic was held at Union Bank. 35 employees were screened, 17 of whom referred for additional follow-up.

EARLY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COORDINATION

During the month of November 2004, there were 25 referrals made to the Early Development Services Coordination Program. Of the 25 referrals, 12 were younger than 2 years of age (program target population). In comparison, the average number of referrals for the month of November for the past nine years (Sept. 1995- August 2004 time period) is 25. These referrals were received from: parents - 15; physicians - 3; other health - 2; other agency - 5 (0 CPS/Foster Care); and E.D. transfer - 0. Reasons for referral include the following concerns: speech/language/hearing - 14; hearing only - 0; overall development - 5; motor - 1; diagnosed condition - 4; behavior - 1. Ages at referral: less than 1 year - 3; 1-2 years - 9; 2-3 years - 10; and 3 years (eligible to 8/31) - 3.

During November 2004, the Early Development Services Coordination Program billed HHSS for services to 176 children (\$32,736). 117 of the children were Medicaid eligible (66.48 %). Expenditures for the month of November 2004 for salaries and benefits totaled \$31,698. This does not include any other program costs.

Services Coordination Program Activities and Community Linkages

The Early Development Services Coordination (EDSC) Program participated in the following public awareness and community activities: 1) A Public Awareness Table was provided at the 11-6-04 Child Care Provider Training, titled What Does Quality Care Look Like?, which the EDSC Program assisted with and 49 participants attended; 2) A Public Awareness Table was provided at the 11- 1, 8, & 15, 2004 Lincoln Respite Provider Training held at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department with 30 participants attending (4 of the 30 were from the Auburn area), which the EDSC Program coordinated; 3) Program presentation by EDSC staff member and distribution of public

awareness materials at the 11-20-04 Young Child CASA Intervention Training; 4) Co-presentation with Lincoln Public Schools representative and distribution of program materials at the HHSS Protection & Safety Supervisors meeting on 11-29-04, as part of the preparation for CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) implementation; and 5) Program information and public awareness materials to share with families and staff were provided to the following community contacts: Blue Cross Blue Shield Office in Omaha on 11-22-04, McPhee Elementary School on 11-23-04, Hispanic Community Center on 11-30-04, and People's City Mission on 11-30-04.

LINCOLN ON THE MOVE

On November 18, staff made a presentation to 24 people at the Lincoln Action Program on How to Read Food Labels as a part of their monthly education series for clients. The Food Label reading program was developed based on requests from participants in previous programs for LAP clients on nutrition and physical activity.

Staff continues to be active in the Healthy Lifestyles coalition/research group that UNL chairs, and the obesity and physical activity task force that LPS convened.

Staff continues to be active as co-chair for the Active Living Lincoln Lincoln in Motion coalition on physical activity. Sub-committees on marketing, youth and adults remain active. The youth sub-group has developed a workplan that focuses on policy change to increase physical activity. The marketing group has developed a logo that will be used by all partners.

Staff is now serving as the LLCHD representative to the City Wellness Committee.

Staff participated in the 3rd Community Forum on November 30th on the development of the Downtown Master Plan.

Staff worked with Charlotte Burke and Scott Holmes on the development of a presentation to be made to the Board of Health on December 14 regarding land use planning, community design and public health.

Staff attended a Diabetes Coalition meeting on December 7 to discuss physical activity concerns for addressing a pre-diabetes promotion.

HEALTHY HOMES

Healthy Homes began in August 1993. Since then we have had 2,275 families referred to Healthy Homes. 142 families are actively participating, 126 families are in process of being contacted. We received 19 new referrals this month. The number of contacts to our participating families made by Healthy Homes staff in the month included: 85 home visits, 238 telephone contacts, and 112 accompany clients to physician visits/other community services and agencies.

INJURY PREVENTION

Staff was a guest lecturer for Dr. Christina Perry's School Health Methods class at UNL. The lecture focused on utilizing the resources within the school-community to implement injury prevention and intervention programs, and work with a community coalition to effectively assess, plan, conduct, and evaluate community and school-based health and safety initiatives.

Staff attended the Nebraska Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Board meeting. The meeting agenda included scheduling CPS Technician Certification trainings for 2005, Federal and State funding for these trainings and other CPS related activities. Revisions to CPS instructional curriculums, Senior Checker Certification process modifications, 2005 CPS week events, and the 2005 CPS Technician Update in Kearney in May.

Staff met with the Toys R Us promotions coordinator to discuss partnering with the SAFE KIDS Coalition for future events addressing CPS and home safety. Toys R Us would like to sponsor (\$500 - \$1,000) at least one car seat check-up event in 2005, and place safety brochures, as appropriate, throughout the store.

Staff participated in the SAFE KIDS Coalition CPS Task Force meeting. Agenda items included evaluating the recent check-up event and planning for the December event; updates on the Lincoln area car seat fitting stations and special needs car seat loaner program; CPS week SAFE KIDS grant and activities; recruiting new partners; and a report from the National SAFE KIDS conference.

Staff, SAFE KIDS Coalition co-chair, and student intern planned and conducted the 3rd Annual SAFE KIDS Coalition Celebration. Highlights of 2004 efforts and activities were presented and an announcement was made of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign 2004 Outstanding SAFE KIDS Week Program Award presented at the SAFE KIDS National Conference to the Lincoln-Lancaster County SAFE KIDS Coalition for the Ultimate SAFE KIDS Day event in May.

Staff coordinated a Child Pedestrian Safety Education effort at the F Street Recreation Center. Fifty area children participated in interactive stations that taught them how to safely cross streets and walk around large vehicles. This was an effort of the SAFE KIDS Coalition Child Pedestrian Safety Task Force and included its members from the Public Works & Utilities Department, Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, FedEx, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Task Force worked with Public Works to have a crosswalk installed across 13th Street on the south side of the Recreation Center this fall.

TOBACCO

The tobacco team continues to assist businesses to become compliant with the Lincoln Smoking Regulation Act. A resource packet that includes examples of table tents, signs,

coasters and door decals has been created for businesses. Thousands of these items are being picked up by businesses or distributed to them by the tobacco team.

Complaints about smoking in a facility have been received from approximately 30 individuals. Letters identifying time and place of complaint were sent to these businesses.

Staff are visiting businesses, especially bars and bar grills, to provide them materials and assistance.

3 schools have requested smoke free homes and vehicles decals following the letter and accompanying samples mailed to each County and parochial school last month. Helen Hyatt School received 175 of each decal for students and teachers, Messiah Lutheran received 175 of each, and Raymond Central High School received 200 of each for a family event.

70 WorkWell representatives attended a presentation on the Lincoln Smoke Free Air Act and the Smoke Free Homes and Vehicles Project.

15 youth attended a presentation from Newman Church youth group. Showed the videos Team Files Flipped and a video on chewing tobacco. Took the display board and handed out information of what is in tobacco and a pamphlet on chewing.

The December LPD tobacco compliance check resulted in 3 out of 35 businesses who sold for a 22.86% non-compliance rate. (2 teams, 6 youth).

INFORMATION AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Information Management Section continued to develop a strategic plan for the Division/section. The strategic plan will include a training plan for department staff related to public health informatics competencies.

The Division Manager met with the Quality Improvement Council to discuss opportunities and activities of the Division to work toward improving quality and performance.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Website

Staff met with Rodrigo Canterero to plan for LLCHD to host the Community Outreach Partnership Center website on our website. This site provides census and other social determinant data with a particular focus on minority populations in Lincoln and Lancaster

County. It also includes the ability to produce maps by neighborhood for that information.

Client Information System

Staff have completed the development of time activity and dental activity modules. Users are testing and implementation is scheduled by January 3rd.

Environmental Health Information System

The Division Manager and staff are participating in a city-wide effort to determine standards, processes and protocols of using information technology to assist with the coordination of work between and among staff in city agencies. A report and recommendations will be completed in January 2005 to facilitate budgeting by the member departments.

Information and Referral Database

Staff viewed a demonstration and provided feedback for the statewide Information and Referral Website. The Website is scheduled to debut early in 2005.

Public Health Data Standards Consortium

The Consortium is preparing a response to the request for information issued by the Office of National Center for Health Information Technology regarding the interoperability issues related to Electronic Health Records data sharing. The Division Manager is monitoring this effort.

National Association of Public Health Information Technology Professionals

The Division Manager is working with the NAPHIT board to provide input to the Centers for Disease Control regarding technical specifications for CDC's Public Health Information Network development and implementation. Our goal is to continue to push for standards and products that local health departments can use without duplicating effort or expense.

FISCAL OPERATIONS

Budget

Work has begun on developing budget projections for FY 2006

Fiscal Operations

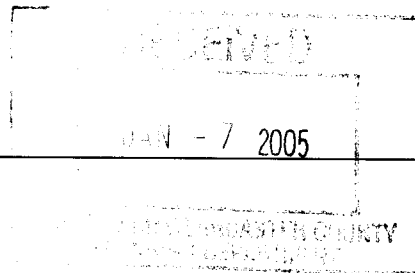
Staff attended the orientation to the County's new fiscal system. The County will be using People Soft, which is the next generation of the JD Edwards software used by the City.

The Division Manager continued to work with the Health Director and Animal Control Division Manager to resolve the contractual issues with the Capitol Humane Society.

POSTMASTER



UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE



January 7, 2005

Ray Hill
City Planning
555 S 10th
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Ray Hill:

The address for Talent Plus should reflect their physical location which is in the 6700 block of Pioneer Blvd. This will also comply with 911 addressing for the city and county.

Sincerely,

Douglas O. Emery
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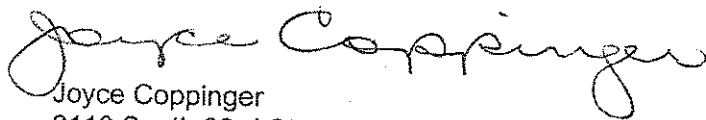
Dear Sirs:

When the street rehabilitation project was done on South 33rd Street from South Street to Sheridan Boulevard, the parking in front of my house was dug up for curb and electrical work related to the project.

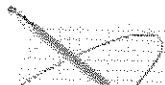
At the end of the rehabilitation project, the City's contractor seeded the parking area between the curb and sidewalk along the front of my property. The grass that is growing there now is a tall fescue (I was told), and is not a lawn grass. It is very difficult to mow and maintain. Once it's mowed it looks weedy because the stalks are thicker and farther apart than other types of grass. It is not the same type of grass seed that was used to reseed other properties on South 33rd Street at the end of the rehabilitation project.

I have called the Public Works Department at least twice since the project was completed to ask if something could be done to bring my parking back to a grassed area. I have not received any satisfactory response or action in this regard. In one phone conversation, I was told that the contract was complete and the contractor had been paid and there was nothing the City could do about it. I do not think this is a reasonable and appropriate resolution to the problem. I do not believe this is something I should have to take care of myself, as it was the City that dug up the parking area and their contractor who seeded the space.

Sincerely,



Joyce Coppinger
2110 South 33rd Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506
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jc10508@alltel.net




Thomas S Shafer

01/10/2005 08:05 AM

To: Maggie Kellner/Notes@Notes

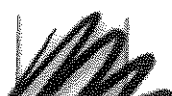
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Subject: Re: Joyce Coppinger RFI 

Dear Ms. Coppinger,

I have reviewed your letter of November 9, 2004 regarding the grass in park space in front off your property. I am enclosing photos of the area. We used the same seed mixture on your property as the rest of the project limits over two years ago. We only seeded a small area between the sidewalk and curb, but it appears the same type of grass is located between your house and the sidewalk, so that would lead me to believe that the grass you mention was there previous to our work. It is also the property owner's responsibility to maintain the area between the sidewalk and curb. While not the response I'm sure you had wished for, I hope this response will close the matter.

Maggie Kellner



Maggie Kellner

01/05/2005 01:33 PM

To: Thomas S Shafer/Notes@Notes

cc:

Subject: Joyce Coppinger RFI

Thomas

What is the status on this RFI regarding rehab South 33rd Street - fescue tall grass planted - difficult to mow?????

Maggie Kellner
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RFI --

To: City Law Department: Please find Request for Information #141 from Terry Werner. Would you please respond to Tracy Christensen for the Council and to us.

If you will send your response to the Council Office at CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov, in a pdf format, we will distribute your response in the usual manner on the Directors' Agenda. The Subject line need only read WernerRFI#141. Thank-you. (See E-Mail below)

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(E-Mail from Tracy Christensen) -

I was wondering if you have driven by 45 & O lately? I did tonight. I don't know how long it has been there, but there is an adult video store there. It has a marquee in front advertising adult movies that are xxxcellent. Pretty tacky, not to mention it is right there on "O" street for all the visitors of Lincoln to see and children as well. I don't think it promotes Lincoln very well. Is there anything the council can do about it?

Tracy Christensen

Happy Holidays from the Christensens
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via email

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Subject: Werner RFI 141

Tracy Christensen

We have reviewed your communication to the Council office regarding the adult video store at 45th and O Streets. The City has no restrictions or regulations regarding the content of advertising or business signs. Such a regulation, if one existed, would involve the content of speech which is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution and would require any regulation to be “the least restrictive means”. For example, some people might be offended by lottery ads, others may find models in bikinis, and still others may object to a certain company because it does not protect the environment. Courts have repeatedly held that shielding the sensibilities of listeners is not a compelling public concern. (See U.S. v. Playboy Ent. Group, 529 U.S. 803 (2000)). Any law which can be used to suppress unpopular or controversial speech would invalidate the regulation. Short of something that could be classified as “obscene” (which would be prosecuted by the County Attorney) the City is without power to control, restrict or regulate such signs.

DWR/tb



Joan V Ray

01/10/2005 09:05 AM

To: "Kim Schwaninger" <thorkim@msn.com>
cc: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Subject: Re: smoking ban nonsense

Dear K. Schwaninger: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: smoking ban nonsense

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I have lived in Lincoln 50 years (my whole life) and have never seen it turned so upside down until now. I am talking about the smoking ban. I am a non-smoker, never smoked in my life, and I don't plan to start. But I am strongly against this ban. The closing of Cliff's Smoke Shop was the final straw. I want to personally thank Ken Svoboda for sneaking the total ban in on the council, after the (also bad) partial ban was decided on. I was one of those that signed the petition to get it to a vote of the people. It did go to a vote of the people, but I think that was flawed due to the wording of the amendment. I know Mary from BCs tried to discuss this a time or two and wouldn't be surprised if many voted on it not fully understanding what they were voting on Too bad the sheeple voted it in. Most didn't realize you wouldn't be able to smoke in restaurants anyway. Most probably are not frequenters of bars where the smoking would have been allowed.

People do not have to go in establishments that have smoking, I see no guns being held to heads ordering them to go in bars with smoking. It is still a perfectly legal product. What's next will be scales outside of fast foods places. If you weigh over a certain weight, you cannot come in, you could get fatter. Or, maybe we'll be ordered to bed by 7:00, lights out, with Chief Cassidy patrolling the streets to make sure we are all in bed. Maybe order us to drink tea, with white gloves on and our fingers crooked. I like a glass of red wine now and then, is that next?

I think it is very hypocritical to take tobacco tax dollars to build Devaney Center but not allowing people to smoke in there. It is sad to see people herded out of places like cattle to smoke outside in the cold. This is not southern California, this is Lincoln, NE. Cold in the winter.

Since Ken Svoboda thought this gem of a ban up, can I also propose one? I am personally more offended with crying/misbehaving children in stores & restaurants than I am second-hand smoke. May I propose a ban of this sort? The City Council had no business sticking their nose into this. People do not have to work or enter establishments with smoking. It is as simple as that. As long as tobacco is a legal product to adults, I will feel that way.

It is a scary place in Lincoln now. I don't believe we will be retiring here with such nonsense going on with smoking not allowed in bars, high taxes and casinos being voted out. Unbelievable.

Kim Schwaninger



Joan V Ray

01/10/2005 01:45 PM

To: "Fred Zarate" <fzarate@alltel.net>

cc:

Subject: Re: 48th & O Redevelopment plan 

Dear Mr. Zarate: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray

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01/10/2005 01:37 PM

To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

cc:

Subject: 48th & O Redevelopment plan

I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association, and I would like to express my support for your approval of the 48th & O Redevelopment Plan.

Thank you.

Fred Zarate

5110 L Street

Lincoln NE 68510-1932

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Lincoln Housing Authority

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Re: Airport West Subarea Plan

Dear City Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to convey to you the Lincoln Housing Authority's full support and concurrence with the majority of the recommendations found in the Airport West Subarea Plan. As you know, the Housing Authority is a major property owner in the study area and holds a significant stake in the continued vitality and growth of the area. In our opinion, many of the ideas presented in the plan will strengthen the Airport West neighborhoods.

However, we do wish to take this opportunity to express our concern about one element of the plan, the realignment or upgrade of N.W. 48th Street to a major arterial street sometime in the future. Our concerns focused on maintaining direct access to our facilities, located north of the Arnold Heights Subdivision on the west side of N.W. 48th Street. These facilities include the Housing Authority's maintenance facility, the Arnold Heights Leasing Office, the Lincoln Army Air Field Regimental Chapel and the Carol M. Yoakum Family Resource Center. Good direct access to N.W. 48th Street or an equivalent arterial street, heading both north and south, is critical to the continued smooth operation of these facilities.

The Housing Authority's maintenance facility serves all of the 1,391 housing units owned or managed by the Housing Authority. The maintenance department responded to 7,611 service calls last year. Although approximately, 500 of the Housing Authority's units are located in Arnold Heights, another 800+ are located throughout the City and, as a result, maintenance staff need quick vehicular routes to all areas of the City from Arnold Heights. The maintenance facility also houses a large inventory of building materials on site, which often arrive by semi-truck, and a leasing office, which serves both prospective and current tenants of Arnold Heights.

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To the south of the maintenance facility, lies the historic Lincoln Army Air Field Regimental Chapel and the Carol M. Yoakum Family Resource Center, both public use facilities which attract significant numbers of users from the adjacent neighborhoods. The Resource Center also houses a child care center, licensed for 50 children, and a Lincoln Police Department Substation. Enclosed is a brochure describing a sampling of the many activities held at the Resource Center. The continued usability of these facilities by the general public and ease of access to them is important not only to the Housing Authority, but to all of the residents of the Airport West neighborhoods and the agencies providing services out of the Resource Center. The loss of direct access in either direction to a north-south transportation route would severely hinder the activities at these facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Larry G. Potratz
Executive Director

Contact Us

If you have questions or would like to register for any of the Family Resource Center programs or services, you can drop by, call, or email:

CAROL YOAKUM FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

4621 NW 48TH STREET

LINCOLN, NE 68524

(BEHIND THE WHITE CHAPEL ON NW 48TH STREET)

Phone 434-2621 Fax 434-5585

www.L-housing.com (click on Family Resource Center)

DAYNA KRANNAWITTER

SERVICE COORDINATOR

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For all families in these Air Park neighborhoods:

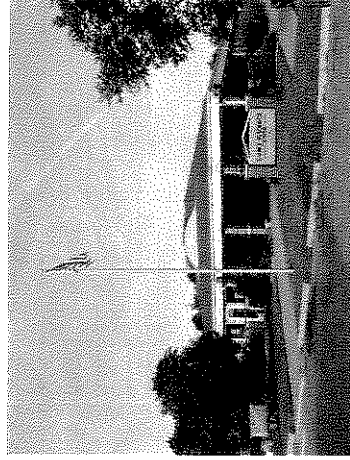
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Programs and Services

CHILD CARE CENTER: Operated by Cedars Youth Services; serves infants through 9-year-olds; offers hourly, daily, and weekly rates. Open Monday-Friday, 6:30am-6pm. Full- and part-time care may be available. Call 437-8923 for more information.

FRIENDS WITH FOOD: Free food distributions and emergency food boxes. Food distributions happen once a month. Call for dates. Emergency food boxes are available to families one time every three months. Food distributions provided by the Food Bank of Lincoln and the Center for People in Need.

FAMILY NIGHTS: Monthly opportunity to have fun with your family. Free meal followed by family activity. Activities have included scavenger hunt, magic show, storytelling, crafts, gingerbread houses, and games. Call for the schedule of events.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM: Social program and lunch for older adults; lunch is served every Tuesday starting at 11:30am; small charge for lunch; social program follows lunch; operated by Aging Services.

WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC): Provides free healthy foods and nutrition information to families who meet income eligibility guidelines; operated by Family Service; call 441-8655 to determine eligibility or schedule an appointment.

GED CLASSES: Free GED preparation classes every Saturday morning at 9:30am. Work at your own pace and at your own level. Instructor assists students in meeting their individual goals.

CLOTHING AND TOY DISTRIBUTIONS: Free clothing, toys, and other items are available during periodic distributions, usually every three months. Call for upcoming dates.

RESOURCE AND REFERRAL: Assistance with locating and accessing community resources to help meet basic or other needs. Call 434-2621 for assistance.

Youth Programs

EXPANDING HORIZONS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: Free enrichment classes for students in grades 1-8; past workshops included art, cooking, business, fishing, mask-making, nature, scrapbooking, pets, taekwon-do, geology, and culture.

GIRLS CLUB: For girls in grades 1-6; meets every second Friday of the month from 7-8:30pm; free fun including crafts, games and other activities.

BOYS CLUB: For boys in grades 1-6; meets every third Friday of the month from 7-8:30pm; free fun including games and other activities.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM: Free lunch for anyone 18 years old and younger; lunch is served from 12-12:45pm, Monday-Friday, June-August on the front patio of the Family Resource Center; provided by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department.

Other Supportive Services

LOW-INCOME BUS PASSES: Monthly bus passes may be purchased at the Resource Center for \$5 (Handi-Van \$10). Proof of income and date of birth are required. Hours for purchasing tickets are Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1-5pm.

COMPUTER CENTER: Free RoadRunner Internet access on two computers. Scanners and color printers on both computers. Hours are 8am-5pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Annual Family Festival in June, Halloween Party in October, Parents' Night Out in December, and other special events.

MEETING SPACE: Large conference room available for public groups and meetings free of charge. Evening and weekend hours available.

LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBSTATION: Office space for area police officers to do paperwork and complete other duties while in Air Park neighborhoods.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Provides volunteer hours for diversion services, citizenship issues, and anyone who wants to volunteer in the community. Volunteers run many of the FRC programs as well as assisting in the child care center.

CHAPEL RENTAL: The Lincoln Army Airfield Regimental Chapel in front of the Family Resource Center is available for rent through the Resource Center service coordinator for weddings, birthday and anniversary celebrations, baby and wedding showers, and other private events.